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By Mrs. Teahan of Whitman, petition of Kathleen M. Teahan and others for legislation to establish a voluntary health records registry for biological parents of adopted persons. Public Health.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Kathleen M. Teahan  
Brian Knuuttila

Douglas W. Petersen  
Alice K. Wolf

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY HEALTH RECORDS REGISTRY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 28A of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 11A the following section:—
- 3 Section 11B. There is hereby established a voluntary health
- 4 records registry at the center for adoption research at the Univer-
- 5 sity of Massachusetts. Said registry shall take information pro-
- 6 vided voluntarily from biological parents regarding family and
- 7 parental health histories that can be updated at intervals and kept
- 8 confidential. Said registry would allow adopted children and their
- 9 progeny to take preventative health measures according to their
- 10 health history.